



Climate change, securitisation and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

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Abstract:

Securitisation theory serves as a useful corrective to the climate determinism' evident in mainstream debates on the security effects of climate change, but there are divergences within this approach over what constitutes successful' securitisation. For the Copenhagen School, climate change has not been securitised because relevant state actors do not yet accept that emergency measures are necessary to tackle dangerous' climate risks. In contrast, sociological' proponents of securitisation theory identify successful' securitisation evident from climate policies that would not otherwise have been undertaken without the political mobilisation of crisis narratives concerning threats to human and ecosystem health. These marked differences over climate change reflect, I argue, divergent spatialities deployed within securitisation theory. The Copenhagen School posits state-bounded territoriality as the power container dominating global security dynamics, viewing climate change as a weaker, deterritorial source of securitisation. Sociological approaches admit a wider set of security effects arising from the political mobilisation of climate threats because securitisation is claimed to emerge from diverse performative spaces. A critical application of securitisation theory to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict reveals insights from both strands on the outcomes of attempts to portray climate change as a regional security threat. However, I contend that the spatial analytics of securitisation theory miss vertical forms of power that, in the case of Israeli occupational practices, feature use of a climate threat scenario to reinforce processes of military-political domination.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Human Conflict/Displacement

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

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Non-United States: Asia

Asian Region/Country: Other Asian Country

Other Asian Country: Israel; Palestine

Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

Resource Type: ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article

Timescale: ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified